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11. (SBU) Emphasizing the high priority the USG places on Kosovo's success and the need for Kenya's support for Kosovo's application to the World Bank and IMF, the Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to Minister of Finance Kenyatta on April 15. Kenyatta, carefully considering the Ambassador's points, replied that the request seemed "reasonable." Kenyatta indicated that he would consult within the Finance Ministry before providing us with a formal answer.

12. (SBU) Separately, Econ/C delivered the same points to Ministry of Finance Economic Secretary, Geoffrey Mwau. Mwau, the third ranking official in the Ministry, is familiar with Kosovo from his recent experience working with the IMF in Washington. Mwau told Econ/C that he would be recommending to the Minister and Permanent Secretary that Kenya vote to support Kosovo's membership in both the World Bank and the IMF. Mwau indicated that he didn't "see any problem" in Kenya taking this position.

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